(c) The details of electricity generation capacity (installed capacity) and available capacity of these dams are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Dam	Installed Capacity (MW)	Capacity currently available (MW)
1.	Bhakra	1325	1325
2.	Pong	396	396
3.	Thein (Ranjit Sagar)	600	600
4.	Rihand	300	250
5.	Matatila	30.60	30.60
6.	Gandhisagar	115	115
7.	Bansagar	425	425
8.	Indira Sagar	1000	1000
9.	Bargi	90	90

In case of Rihand, one unit is under Major shutdown and hence not available. No decrease in generation capacity from these dams has been registered in the last six months.

(d) and (e) Questions do not arise.

Allocation of power

1812. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority of India (CEAI) has reduced its allocation from the Central Surplus Power Pool to Karnataka from 290 MW to 140 MW *i.e.* a deduction of 150 MW, and from Andhra Pradesh and Kerala 100 MW and 50 MW respectively, w.e.f. 26th December, 2007;

(b) whether the power thus accumulated is being transferred to Tamil Nadu, which is currently getting 475 MW against its earlier allocation of 175 MW from the Central Pool, *i.e.* 300 MW more power, without consulting the affected States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) There is no Central Surplus Power Pool. The unallocated power in the Central Generating Stations (CGSs), is kept at the disposal of the Government to primarily meet the seasonal and emergent needs of States/UTs. Unallocated power, unlike firm allocation of power, is provided or reduced on a dynamic basis and is liable to change without notice. This is a routine administrative function.

NTPC project at Salakatis

1813. SHRI URKHAO GWRABRAHMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 750 MW mega power project proposed to be established at Salakati, Bodo Territorial Autonomous District, Assam by NTPC;

(b) the reasons for inordinate delay in starting the project;

(c) the initial works completed, so far, and the expenditure incurred on it; and

(d) the number of employees engaged, at present, for the proposed power project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) NTPC Ltd. is setting up a coal based Thermal Power Project of 750 MW (3x250MW) at Salakati in Kokrajhar District (Part of Bodo Territorial Autonomous District) in Assam at the site of existing non-operational Bongaigaon Thermal power Station (4x60MW). In this regard, a transfer Agreement has been executed amongst NTPC Ltd., Government of Assam and Assam Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (APGCL) for transfer of the existing infrastructure of 240 MW (4x60MW) Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station of APGCL in Assam to NTPC Ltd. and setting up of new 3x250 MW power station at the same location by NTPC Ltd. Notification in respect of transfer of assets was issued by Government of Assam on 13.11.2007.

All necessary key inputs and clearances including environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests have been tied-up/obtained for the project. Site specific studies have been completed. Preparation for commencement of main plant activities has started. Main Plant Equipment packages have been awarded on BHEL in February, 2008. Work on the project has already commenced.

Investment approval has been accorded by NTPC Board on 30.01.2008 at current estimated cost of Rs. 4375.35 crores and expenditure of Rs. 86.85 Lakhs has been incurred in the project so far.

(d) 16 employees have been posted at Bongaigaon Thermal Power Project as on 31.01.2008.

Funds for RGGVY

1814. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide electricity in every house under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) by the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the fiscal allocation for this scheme in the Plan;

(c) whether Government would consider to include all Panchayat and local bodies to implement this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Government of India has approved the continuation of the scheme in eleventh Plan for attaining the goal for providing access to electricity to all households. Capital subsidy of Rs. 28.000 crores for electrification of about 1.15 lakh unelectrified villages and electricity connections to 2.34 crore BPL house holds has been sanctioned at this stage.

(c) and (d) The Panchayat institutions would be associated in the management of rural distribution through franchisees after completion of RGGVY works. RGGVY Guidelines have stipulated that electrification works under the sanctioned projects are to be executed on trun-key basis. The guidelines have also specified the qualification requirements for such turnke-key contractors. Panchayats and Local Bodies can also participate in such tenders in case they satisfy the stipulated qualifying requirements. The rural electrification policy has stipulated that "The Gram Panchayat/Village Council or equivalent shall issue